

Herbert G. A. Woolley, 80, Dies; Organized Training of Frogmen

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WASHINGTON, July 21—Herbert G. A. Woolley, who organized the training of "frogmen" in World War II, died Monday in Honolulu after a brief illness. Mr. Woolley, who was 80 years old, lived in Chevy Chase, Md.

He was born in Woolwich, England, on Feb. 13, 1896. He trained as a midshipman and served in the Royal Navy, from which he retired with the rank of commander. He fought in the Gallipoli campaign in World War I.

As an aide to Adm. Sir Roger Keyes, Mr. Woolley was a leader of the British commando raid on Norway early in World War II. Later he was assigned to the American Office of Strategic Service and supervised the training of underwater demolition teams—the frogmen.

Commander Woolley, a naturalized American citizen was an officer of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (World Bank) in Washington from 1948 to 1961. During that period he was a consultant to the Governments of Thailand and Venezuela. After his retirement from the bank, he was on the supreme planning board of Saudi Arabia until 1964.

Commander Woolley was married to Marian Clare Ruddy of Kansas City, Mo., who survives. He is survived also by four children, Comdr. Herbert Thomas Woolley, U.S.N., retired, of Honolulu; Kathleen Diane Bauer of San Francisco; George Henry Woolley of San Jose, Calif., and Mrs. Joseph A. Mattingly of Bethesda, Md., and by 17 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.